

REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 23-35 are pending in the application, with claims 1-3, 10, 11, 16-20 and 23-25 being independent. Claims 10, 12, 14, 16-21, 23-25, 29 and 31-35 were previously withdrawn from consideration. Claims 1-3, 11 and 15 have been amended.

The specification has been amended to correct minor informalities in response to the Examiner's objection. Specifically, "source region 360" has been changed to "source region 340" and "drain region 361" has been changed to "drain region 341" to be consistent with the drawings. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has objected to claim 15 under 37 CFR 1.75(c), as being of improper dependent form for failing to further limit the subject matter of the previous claim. Claim 15 has been amended to overcome this objection.

Claims 1-9, 11, 13, 15, 26-28 and 30 have been rejected as being anticipated by Yamazaki (U.S. 6,365,917). Claims 1-3 have been amended to recite that the LDD region entirely overlaps with the first gate electrode with the gate insulating film interposed therebetween. Similarly, claim 11 has been amended to recite that a third LDD region entirely overlaps with the first gate electrode. While Yamazaki shows a LDD region 22 that appears to partially overlap with a gate electrode 15, the LDD region does not entirely overlap with a gate electrode. Accordingly, for at least this reason, applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

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